

Council of the District of Columbia

Committee of the Whole

Notice of Public Hearing

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 17-796, "CLOSING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY
IN SQUARE 617, S.O. 07-9709, ACT OF 2008"**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008, 10:30 AM
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 17-796, the "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 617, S.O. 07-9709, Act of 2008." The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2008, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Bill 17-796, introduced by Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr., would close a public alley and widen an existing public alley in another location in Square 617, bounded North Capitol, 1st, N and O Streets, N.W., in Ward 5. The applicant, Meridian North Capitol LLC, requests the closure to facilitate development of a 5-story residential building with approximately 29 new housing units.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are requested to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 202-724-8196, by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.dc.us, or by fax at 202-724-7139, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

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**CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 17-875, "CLOSING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY
IN SQUARE 1872, S.O. 05-2617, ACT OF 2008"**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008, 11:15 AM
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 17-875, the "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 1872, S.O. 05-2617, Act of 2008." The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2008, at approximately 11:15 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Bill 17-875, introduced by Chairman Gray at the request of the Mayor, would close a portion of a public alley in Square 1872, bounded by 38th Street NW, Kanawha Street NW, Connecticut Avenue NW, and Jocelyn Street NW, in Ward 3. The applicants, Matthew and Edith Roberts, state that the alley is unimproved and completely overgrown with grass and weeds, and, consequently, it cannot be traversed by vehicles. They further state the alley area in its present condition is an eyesore and a threat to public safety. The applicants intend to expand their backyard to incorporate the extra land gained as a result of the closing.

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Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations
RESCHEDULED -- NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 111, Washington, D.C. 20004

RESCHEDULED

**THE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
COUNCILMEMBER CAROL SCHWARTZ, CHAIR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008 – 10:00 A.M.

**THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
COUNCIL CHAMBER - ROOM 500
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations, announces a Public Oversight Hearing on Whistleblower Protections for District Employees. The public oversight hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber - Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Due to staff oversight of Councilmember Schwartz' observance of the Jewish holiday of *Yom Kippur*, a hearing was originally scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Because of this error, the hearing has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

This hearing is scheduled to examine current protections for District employees under the "*Whistleblower Reinforcement Act of 1998*" and to discuss whether there are any issues with the current implementation of the law and elicit suggestions for appropriate remedies.

Those who wish to testify should contact Nyasha Smith of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations by e-mail at nsmith@dccouncil.us or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Monday, October 6, 2008. E-mail contacts to Ms. Smith should include the full name, title, and affiliation (if applicable) of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation. All written testimony will be included in the record in its entirety.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Secretary of the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Friday, October 24, 2008.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs
Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER MARION BARRY, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

And

**COUNCILMEMBER MARY CHEH, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

**The Department of Housing and Community Development: the Housing
Regulation Administration and the Circumstances Surrounding the
Removal of the Rent Administrator**

Councilmember Marion Barry, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs, and Councilmember Mary Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs announce a public oversight roundtable on the Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Regulation Administration and the circumstances surrounding the removal of the Rent Administrator. The public oversight roundtable will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004.

**Thursday, September 25, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Those who wish to testify should contact Drew Hubbard at (202) 724-8198 or dhubbard@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation, and title of organization by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008. Witnesses should bring 20 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee allows each individual 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. The official record will close ten days following the conclusion of the roundtable.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
Notice of Public Oversight Roundtable and Oversight Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE AND HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**THE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008, 11:00 A.M.
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 500
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

AND

**PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008, 10:00 A.M.
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING, ROOM 412
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public oversight roundtable and oversight hearing by the Committee of the Whole on the proposed Facilities Master Plan (the Plan) and related Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for District of Columbia Public Schools. The public oversight roundtable is scheduled on Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., in Room 500 and the oversight public hearing on Friday, October 10, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The Plan, which must be submitted to the Council by September 10, 2008, is a requirement of local law dating back to the School Based Budgeting and Accountability Act of 1998 (DC Law 12-175; D.C. Official Code Section 38-2803). Funds currently authorized as part of the Public Schools Capital Improvement Fund can not be expended after September 10, 2008 without an approved comprehensive Facilities Master Plan.

District of Columbia law requires the Plan to identify improvement and modernization needs for school facilities and to establish a priority for funding. The Plan must take into account: the condition, capacity, and current and future utilization of the individual schools; facility needs related to the Master Education Plan; and pertinent neighborhood demographics and issues. The estimated cost of implementing the Plan and potential sources of revenue in the CIP will be considered at the hearings.

The hearings are intended to provide the public with the maximum opportunity to both

learn what is in the Plan and to provide comment on the general direction and specific recommendations. Due to the fact that the Plan has not been previously reviewed by the public, the order of the hearings will deviate from the standard procedure of having the public testify before government witnesses. Senior District of Columbia education officials have been asked to present the plan and to discuss the manner in which it has been developed at the September 25, 2008 public roundtable. The second hearing is scheduled to give the public additional time to review the proposals before testifying. Depending upon the Executive's plan for public comment, the Committee may elect to hold additional hearings and to ask for additional testimony by government and other witnesses.

To testify at the October 10, 2008 public hearing, please contact Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, by telephone at (202) 724-8196 or by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.us, and furnish your name, address, telephone number and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. Witnesses should bring 20 copies of their written testimony to the hearing or submit one advance copy of their written testimony by October 8, 2008. Persons presenting oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record in their entirety. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, Suite 410, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004.

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Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

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**THE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
COUNCILMEMBER CAROL SCHWARTZ, CHAIR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON

**PR 17-872 "COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS HAMMERE GEBREYES
CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2008"**

**PR 17-873 "COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS CHINWE BINITIE
CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2008"**

**PR 17-874 "COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS ASMARA SIUM
CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2008"**

**PR 17-875 "COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS NANA R. SESHIBE
CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2008"**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 – 2:00 P.M.

**THE JOHN WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
COUNCIL CHAMBER - ROOM 500
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations, announces a Public Roundtable on PR 17-872 "Commission on African Affairs Hammere Gebreyes Confirmation Resolution of 2008"; PR 17-873 "Commission on African Affairs Chinwe Binitie Confirmation Resolution of 2008"; PR 17-874 "Commission on African Affairs Asmara Sium Confirmation Resolution of 2008"; PR 17-875 "Commission on African Affairs Nana R. Seshibe Confirmation Resolution of 2008". The roundtable will be held on Friday, September 26, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Room 500, of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. This roundtable has been scheduled to discuss the Mayor's nomination of Hammere Gebreyes, Chinwe Binitie, Asmara Sium and Nana R. Seshibe to the Commission on African Affairs.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. James Slattery of the Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations by e-mail at jslattery@dccouncil.us or by telephone at (202) 724-8105 by Tuesday, September 23, 2008. E-mail contacts to Mr. Slattery should include the full name, title, contact phone number and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. Representatives of organizations

will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation, provided that no more than two representatives will be allowed for any organization, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation. All written testimony will be included in the record in its entirety.

If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Friday, October 10, 2008.